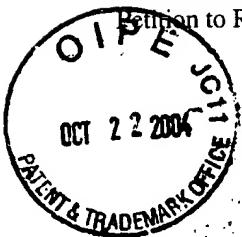


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I hereby state as the attorney responsible for prosecuting the application at the time of amendment that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was duly filed on 21 May 2004 and therefore a holding of abandonment is improper. The Notice of Abandonment is found at Appendix A to this petition. In support of Applicant's position, a copy of the Request for Continued Examination as filed indicating the Express Mail shipment number EV 435303793 US is found at Appendix B. A printout from the United States Postal Service electronic tracking system indicates mailing on 21 May 2004 and receipt at the USPTO on 24 May 2004 being signed for by Mary Boston of the Office of Administrative Services, telephone number

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(703) 308-0907. The United States Postal Service shipping record is found at Appendix C. A voice mail message left for the Examiner in charge of this application on 20 September 2004 failed to elicit a withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and therefore necessitated this petition. I hereby petition for a withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and consideration of the Request for Continued Examination in due course.

I further request a refund of the petition fee provided herewith as the petition was necessitated by USPTO error.

Respectfully submitted,



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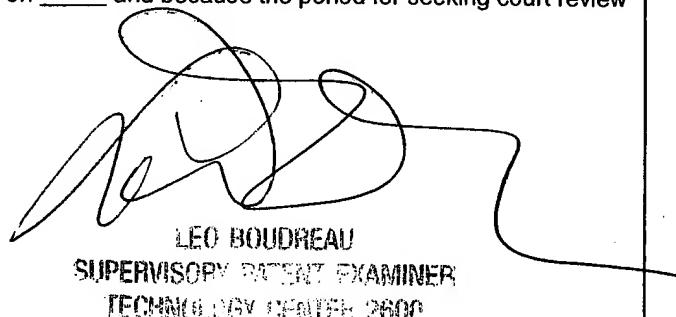
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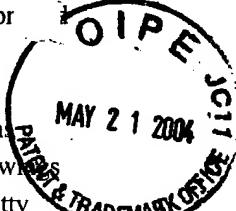
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